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CARTER AND HIS DEFENDERS.

The extended Journal is worried lest the luminosity of Our Tom's poll should be hidden under a democratic bushel, but when it assumes that the democratic press is disposed to disparage Mr. Carter's achievements it falls into error. The democratic press is willing to give the congressman due credit for what he does, but it does object to his sacrificing the interests of Montana for his own personal advancement—as he did in voting for Reed, the enemy of silver, for speaker of the house. There was no possible excuse for that vote, and the fact that Carter was rewarded by the chairmanship of the committee on mines and mining does not mitigate his offense one bit. It rather aggravates it. The appointment under the circumstances lends strong color to the suspicion that the whole thing was a matter of bargain and sale. The Journal itself has plainly intimated as much. In its headlines over the dispatch announcing Carter's appointment it said, "Far-Sighted Tom; His Support of Speaker Reed Shown To Have Been Wise; Chairman Of The Committee On Mines." On the following day its caption over a dispatch on the same subject was: "His Just Reward." In other words the Journal broadly intimates what THE INDEPENDENT and other newspapers have asserted, that Carter's vote was given with an eye single to Carter and the main chance.

TALK of a republican revolution in Spain has been revived and may be said to feed as much upon the uncertainty of the young king ever attaining his majority as upon any intelligent desire of the people for political freedom. The republicans are divided between the extremists led by Ruiz Zorilla and the moderates led by Emilio Castelar, and are almost hopelessly irreconcilable. The infant king inherited epilepsy from his mother's family and scrofula and consumption from his father, to say nothing of the dissoluteness that (if there is anything in the theory of heredity or atavism) may be expected to develop about the time he approaches manhood. Should he die before reaching his majority it is more than likely there would be a struggle for the succession between the Montpensiers and Don Carlos, and it would not be left for the republicans to quietly assume the reins of government.

THE PENSION EVIL.

Now and then a republican journal is to be found that is fearless enough to free its mind on the outrageous abuses that have crept into our pension system. The Portland Oregonian, taking for its text the statement made by Gen. Garfield when chairman of the appropriation committee in 1872, that, "We may reasonably expect that the expenditures for pensions will hereafter steadily decrease, unless our legislation should be unwarrantably extravagant," reads its party a sharp lesson on extravagance.

The decrease promised was witnessed during the succeeding years of that decade, it says, the demand on the pension roll falling to \$23,344,415 in 1879, not a rapid, but a normal decrease, such as might reasonably have been expected. A continuation of the operation of natural laws, unvexed by the interference of patriots "for revenue only" would have shown a corresponding decrease until the present time, and the annual disbursements for pensions would not now have exceeded \$15,000,000. Instead of this, however, the amount expended for this purpose during the year ended last June aggregated \$55,324,773, and the expenditures for the current year will be more than \$2,000,000 in advance of this sum, while estimates for the year ending June 30, 1891, aggregate \$98,587,292.

The Oregonian admits that these figures show unwarranted extravagance on their face. "It is one thing," it says, "to properly care for the soldiers of the republic, whom the mischance of war left helpless, and quite another to support a mercenary horde who bore arms, for a shorter or longer period, in the service of the country, and were mustered out none the worse for the experience. The pension idea when it reaches this stage of development loses the original feature of beneficent gratitude toward the disabled soldier and assumes the form of widespread mendacity that shamelessly appeals to the national treasury for relief."

"The fact that the pension business has been overdone need scarcely be stated, since the figures prove it so conclusively. Its open doors invite fraud, encourage idleness and stimulate a spirit of dependence that the citizens of a republic cannot afford to foster. The sophistry that has urged it on, with patriotism as its plea, has developed into a craze not inaptly termed the pension madness."

But the pension sharks in the lobby at Washington and their agents in grand army posts throughout the country who misrepresent the facts to the veterans will continue their clamor for more and The Oregonian, staunch republican or organ that it is, will find itself howled down by the mob.

The pension abuse will not cease until the people see that they are being duped in this matter and rise against

the demagogues who in the misused name of the veterans of the republic have imposed unnecessary burdens upon them.

MONTANA'S republican state senators have leaped into sudden and unenviable notoriety and promise to go down to history side by side with the original state senators. The Philadelphia Record says of them:

"In Montana the democratic state senators have discovered that no pledges of the opposition are of any value when partisan advantages are in question. Seven republican senators have assumed to elect senate officers, although sixteen is a full senate, and nine votes would be required to legally elect. This is pure anarchy, which can be successfully fought only with its own weapons. The Montana democratic senators have been cheated once; that is the fault of their opponents. If they shall be cheated again that is their own fault."

THE republicans in the United States house of representatives are preparing for high handed work in the contested election cases that are to be decided next month. They propose to take action on the contests in West Virginia, Indiana and Maryland even before the house adopts rules. They hope that Speaker Reed will prove a lawless revolutionist like our own Rickards, and decide, hit or miss, that anything goes when an office and a republican want to get together. The republican programme as to these four contests is to seat the republican contestant in each case and thus increase their majority by eight for future emergencies. There will be a high old time in the house if the republican leaders attempt to carry out this scheme. The democrats are ready for the fray.

MONTANA extends cordial greeting to the members of the North Dakota legislature, one and all. They are not so affluent in legislatures over there as Montana is, but, as far as they go, they make a very creditable showing. If the visitors will kindly take the deadlock away with them as a token of esteem, we will always remember them with gratitude. Anyhow, gentlemen, the town is yours. Be good and you'll be happy.

SANDERS is getting even with the people of Montana at last. He is suing them for a seat in the United States senate and will not only get a verdict, but the people will have to pay the costs. That's what they are going to get for repudiating a fellow at the polls.

THERE'S merry h—armony in the republican camp. Sanders caused a gulp and a wry face and Mantle just simply sticks in the asophagus and won't go down until Sanders violently thumps them on the back. He'll do that in the caucus to-morrow.

THE republicans are ashamed of the fraud, surely. They propose to draw a Mantle over it.

CROSS-CUTS.

A nickel in the hand is worth two in the slot.—Time.

"The sloop," he solemnly drawled, "is the house that Jagg built."—Buffalo Courier.

Nowadays the humblest Russian peasant can be as influential as the czar.—Binghamton Republican.

Overheard in a street car: Miss Pompon—Is she stylish? Miss Shoulders—Yes, in a seal plush sort of way.—New York Sun.

In the sanctuary all men are equal. In the contribution box the punched quarter jingles as loudly as the proudest coin.—Binghamton Leader.

Gabby—How did you get that dreadful cold? Snuffleton—Id the datural way, stoopid! 'Spose I advertised for plads ad spedifications.—Texas Siftings.

When a politician remarks that he is in the hands of his friends it can generally be assumed that his friends' hands are in his pockets.—Richmond Dispatch.

A rolling stone gathers no moss, but the man who goes rolling home after midnight has slid down the banisters of time generally gathers all the dirt and paint on the route.—Time.

Flipper—Do you know anything about the seal fisheries? Cusmo—I should say I do. Hasn't my wife fished around for a sealskin sack every day for the last two months?—Smith, Gray & Co's Monthly.

A writer in a talk with "Business Boys" says, "The boy who will succeed in the world is he who is content for a time to do \$2 worth of work for \$1." This is so. The boy who performs \$2 worth of work for a 25-cent pass to the show may be found a few years later driving four horses attached to the lion cage.—Norristown Herald.

Bluntwood—What's this talk about abolishing congress? Canes—Hain't heard of it.

Bluntwood—Why, this scheme for compelling members and senators to pass a civil service examination.—Hutchinson (Kan.) News.

Even P. Howell was in New York while on his way home to Atlanta, and is quoted by the Star as saying: "To illustrate the change that has taken place in the south, I told some friends over in Boston an occurrence which happened in the Constitution office just before I came north. A friend living a few miles from Atlanta had a large number of bee-gums and I asked him how they were getting along."

"Pretty well," said he. "The bees work mighty hard all day and lay up a heap of honey. But I think they might do a little better. My mind is running on crossing them with lightning-bugs, so that they can work a little at night."

Here's a Howdy-do! Helena Herald: Mr. Mantle is a young man and a growing one. Some day he may aspire to be United States senator. That time as yet has hardly come. He can wait and not over-much suffer in the meantime.

It is not often one is spurred to an attempted leap from midway to the top at a single bound. Mantle is a climber. Let him be content to go up round by round. It is the safest way. Lifted suddenly to an unusual height, one's head gets dizzy and there is apt to be a tumble to the ground. We want our Silver Bow friends to be and always remain safe.

Pleased with His Work.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Dec. 25.—This morning at Ludlow John Bassette, mill hand, killed his wife, stabbed himself six times and cannot recover. Jealousy was the cause. He expresses himself as well pleased with his work.

TROUBLE FEARED IN BRAZIL.

The Republic Likely to Be Tested Before Many Days.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The steamer Sirius arrived from Rio Janeiro to day. Captain Fisher was seen by a reporter and said: When we were at Rio everything was quiet and business going on as usual, although the banks were a bit wary and drafts over £100 would not be honored. There was, however, an undercurrent of discontent manifested, and I am not surprised to hear of an outbreak since we left. There is evidently a considerable number of people of the city who desire to see the empire re-established. When we were there the sentiment had not taken shape in any definite movement, but matters of dissatisfaction were heard. The truth is, the banishment of Dom Pedro and the proclamation of the republic came with such suddenness that the adherents of the empire had no time to make any demonstration. I look to trouble not only in Rio, but throughout Brazil for some time to come. Those at the head of the new government have not a pleasant prospect before them by any means.

W. R. Grace & Co. to-day received a cable from Rio that exchange there was quoted at 24½ pence, which is a fall of 8½ pence since Dom Pedro was deposed. Rubber has gone up 2 mils and 500 reis to-day. Exchange is at 94½ below. Mr. Grace said "I was not alarmed, but it indicates that serious trouble is brewing. He believed that Brazil contains more corrupt officials than any country on the face of the globe. If the press had liberty, as in this country, rascality would be exposed in a way that would be surprising."

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Boulanger denies that he has been engaged to deliver lectures in the United States.

President Harrison has gone on a hunting trip. He expects to return to Washington Saturday.

The university at Odessa has closed, owing to the discovery that a number of the students are active nihilists.

Commissioner Baum, of the pension bureau, is quite ill. Yesterday he had three chills, slightly congestive in character.

A violent rain and hailstorm from the northwest, accompanied by thunder and lightning, passed over Oswego, N. Y., to-day.

The main building of the Western College at Toledo, Iowa, burned yesterday. Loss, \$120,000; insurance small. It will be rebuilt at once.

It is reported that the dispute between England and Portugal regarding African possessions will be submitted to Duke Ernest of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha for arbitration.

Gen. J. Madison Drake was severely, perhaps fatally injured yesterday at Elizabeth, N. J., while attempting to stop a runaway horse. He fell under the horses and was kicked several times.

While returning from a Christmas eve dance Miss Mamie Campbell and her escort, Benjamin Lovett, of Wilkesburg, Pa., were struck by the express on the Pennsylvania railroad and both were fatally injured.

Wm. Graham, of Cartersville, Ga., stenographer of the Cherokee judiciary council, and Anna Jones were married yesterday. The bride is 17 years old and is the daughter of Rev. Sam Jones. Her parents opposed the match.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and Pennsylvania coal companies have shut down nearly all their mines until the weather becomes cold enough to raise the present stagnation in the coal trade. Nearly six thousand men are thrown out of employment.

The Wabash Manufacturing Co., of Chicago, dealers in blank books and stationery, has assigned. The liabilities are \$200,000, and the assets are somewhat less. The failure grows out of the recent failure of the New York firms of Treble & Co., and Sheffield & Co.

The City of Kingston, which used to ply up and down the Hudson river, and which was sold some time ago to the Northern Pacific for Sound traffic, is proceeding safely but slowly to her new home by way of Cape Horn. She has just been heard of at Barbadoes.

Hebrews to Organize.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A convention was held last night of delegates representing twenty-eight organizations of Hebrew workmen with a total membership of 10,000. Their organizations represented are in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Providence, Cincinnati, Baltimore and this city. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a national Hebrew association. It was decided to form an organization under the name of the Hebrew Labor Union of the United States. Most of the session was spent in discussing organization plans.

Dynamite at the Jackson Prison.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 25.—Another dynamite bomb was found yesterday afternoon in the side of the prison yard, where it probably had been secreted to be used at the first favorable opportunity in wrecking the walls and perhaps releasing a number of dangerous convicts. Whether Latimer Jackson, the maniac, who has been implicated in two previous dynamite plots, is at the bottom of this is not known.

The End of a Christmas Drunk.

STINEVELD, Ind., Dec. 27.—George Easton, son of a hotel keeper, and John Douglass, a barber, indulged in a Christmas drunk and were ordered out of George Bushkirk's saloon. Bushkirk locked the door and ordered them not to re-enter. They tried to kick in the door, when Bushkirk fired at them both barrels of a shotgun, fatally wounding both.

Changes in Burlington Officials.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—General Freight Agent Paul Morton, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, will leave the service of the company Jan. 1, to take the position of vice president and general executive officer of the Colorado Fuel and Coal Co. and the White Breast Coal company of Illinois, Iowa. His successor on the Burlington will be Thomas Miller, at present general freight agent of the Burlington & Missouri River road at Omaha. It is understood Miller will be succeeded by George H. Crosby, at present assistant general freight agent at Denver.

Killed for Disobedience.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 26.—Near Brigham, early this morning, F. C. Garland was awakened by a man trying to get in the house. The intruder refused to go away when ordered, and Garland shot and killed him. It proved to be a man named Andrew Eckland. During Garland's absence from home his wife has been annoyed several times by parties of Finlanders and once they broke in the door and she was compelled to flee to the neighbors.

Mining Notes.

Reliable reports from the Crescent mine south of Red Mountain, are to the effect that the shaft is now full of ore. The depth attained is sixty feet and the work of sinking is going ahead rapidly. At least half a dozen good prospects have been opened up in that section this winter, all showing ore in paying quantities, and by the time summer opens there is every reason to believe ore shipment from the Red Mountain country will have greatly increased.

District Court.

The following were the district court proceedings yesterday: 4533—Mrs. Samuel Cunningham vs. John A. Quirk; demurrer to complaint overruled. 4538—Charles F. Glass et al vs. J. O. Briscoe; defendant's demurrer to amended complaint overruled.

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HELENA, MONTANA.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Herr Markdoff, the Vienna millionaire, is dead.

M. Kavanagh, formerly representative of Carlow in commons, is dead.

Von Alwens, vice president of the Bavarian chamber of representatives, is dead.

The widow of Gen. Geo. H. Thomas died suddenly last night at her residence in Washington. She passed away as quietly as did her distinguished husband nineteen years ago at San Francisco.

New Montana Central Depot.

A corner lot on Helena and Montana avenues. The Montana Central local trains are to stop opposite this lot, and the street car line on Montana avenue will be completed next spring. This corner will then be the most frequented on the avenue.

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A regular assembly of Montana Legion No. 1, Select Knights, convenes at their hall, in Old Fellows Temple, every Friday night at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Comrades of sister legions are cordially invited to attend.

N. F. WALTERS, Recorder.

Rocky Mountain Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F.

A regular meeting of the above Encampment will be held on the second and fourth Friday of each month at their lodge room in this city at 7:30 p. m. Seignioring brothers are cordially invited to attend.

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the toy stores, or for pictures is at the

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stores, etc. But if you want anything

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GOLD,

GRAIN,

FRUIT,

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